



The Immeasurable Cost of Freedom

Our nation honors its uniformed sons and daughters who answered their country's call to defend a country they did not know and a people they had never met. A total of 5,720,000 armed forces personnel served on active duty during the Korean War, of whom 33,651 died in battle. Their sacrifices brought forth a democratic South Korea—and a painful reminder that freedom is not free.

Overcome by the Tragedy of War



A grief-stricken American infantryman, whose buddy was killed in action, is comforted by another soldier. In the background a corpsman methodically fills out casualty tags, in the Hakdong-ni area, Korea. August 1950

Funeral Services at Sea

Funeral services for Comdr. Raymond Y. Vogel Jr., U.S. Navy, and Ens. Curtis Smith, U.S. Navy, aboard the USS *Philippine Sea* off the coast of Korea.



A Temporary Setback



Pfc. Edward Wilson, 24th Infantry Regiment, wounded in action against enemy forces in Korea, waits to be evacuated to an aid station. February 1951

The Face of Strength



A combat-wounded U.S. Marine awaits transportation back to a field hospital after receiving first-aid at the battle zone.

They Gave It Their Best

Buddies aid a wounded man of the 24th Infantry Regiment, 25th Division, after a battle 10 miles south of Chorwon, Korea.

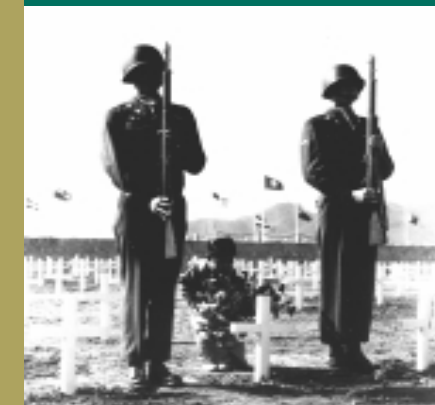


A Life Sacrificed

In a Korean field lies the body of an American soldier killed during the Korean War. The soldier's helmet, rifle and belt mark his resting place, revealing his body's location for evacuation.



In Remembrance



A young Korean girl places a wreath of flowers on the grave of an American soldier, while Pfc. Chester Painter and Cpl. Harry May present arms. United Nations Cemetery in Pusan. April 1951